

SHAME ON YOU BOURNEMOUTH

THE most disturbing fact about Bournemouth's embarrassment on Wednesday was that they were beaten by a Wycombe Wanderers side with a greater will to win.

For a team of full-time professionals to be bettered on their own park for effort and determination to succeed by a side such as Wycombe is a pretty sorry state of affairs.

But these were the qualities that the Isthmian League champions possessed in greater abundance than Bournemouth for too much of this FA Cup second-round replay.

If the Cherries thought Wycombe would give up the ghost after Howard Goddard had headed his 10th goal of the season from Alan Welsh's cross in the ninth minute, they were very much mistaken. In fact as Bournemouth's enthusiasm waned

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— Goddard being a notable exception — Wycombe became all the more tenacious.

Some of the more dedicated Bournemouth supporters will point to the first-half injury to goalkeeper Kevin Charlton as a major influence on the result.

Charlton — the saviour on Saturday — wasn't around to perform any heroics this time after injuring his shoulder seven minutes before half-time when diving at Mick Hollifield's feet to pre-

vent a certain goal.

The keeper didn't appear after half-time and substitute John Wingate was pressed into service. The deputy did extremely well. He couldn't be blamed for either of Wycombe's goals — and it is highly doubtful if even a fully fit Charlton would have been able to stop them either.

But even before Charlton's injury, the warning signs were out. With Steve Perrin and Hollifield starting to harass the Bournemouth defence as they had done at Loakes Park, Bournemouth began to lose the grip they had seized in the first 20 minutes.

There was no noticeable improvement by Trevor Hartley's men after half-time. Yet it seemed that Bournemouth would still win the lucrative prize of a home tie against Jackie Charlton's Middlesbrough until Wycombe struck two goals in three minutes to give the Cherries a Cup defeat at Dean Court by a non-league side for the second time in four years.

First Tony Horseman — now in the veteran class — turned in a trice on the edge of the penalty area to completely outwit the home defence before equalising in the 69th minute. Then Hollifield thumped in a 20-yard drive which was deflected past Wingate who seemed to have the original shot covered.

Dreams of Middlesbrough — and an estimated income of £2,000 from the tie — faded for Bournemouth with this fortunate winner. But no-one could deny that Wycombe — so superior in the Loakes Park episode — fully deserved their place in the third round against Division 1 opposition for the first time in their 90-year history.

Only booking of the night went to visiting full-back Gary Hand for a foul on Brian Greenhalgh.

Former Wycombe centre-half John Delaney missed



the replay because of ankle ligaments which he damaged in the first match. Neil Merrick deputised. Hartley also made a tactical switch bringing in Steve Buttle to play wide on the left but his crosses met with little success.

Bournemouth: Charlton; Payne, Parodi, Howard, Merrick, Hague, Miller, Welsh, Goddard, Greenhalgh, Buttle. Sub.: Wingate (for Charlton at half-time).